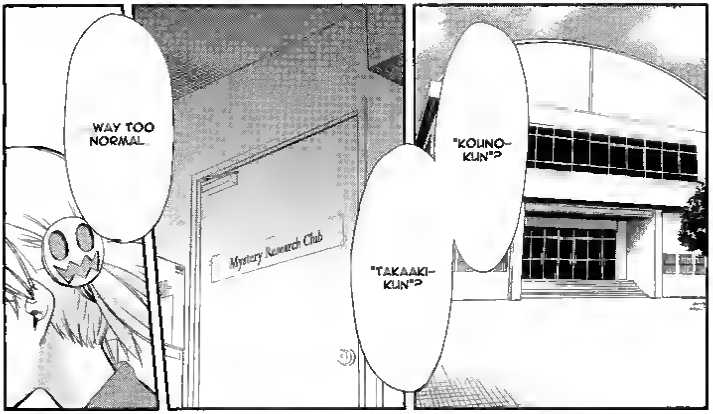
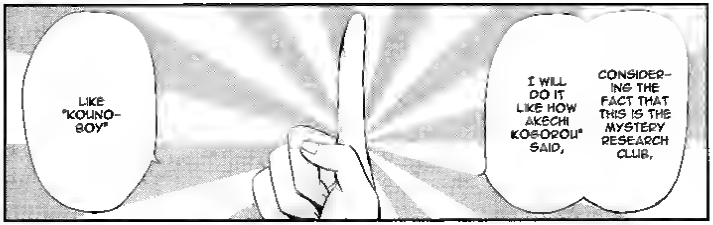


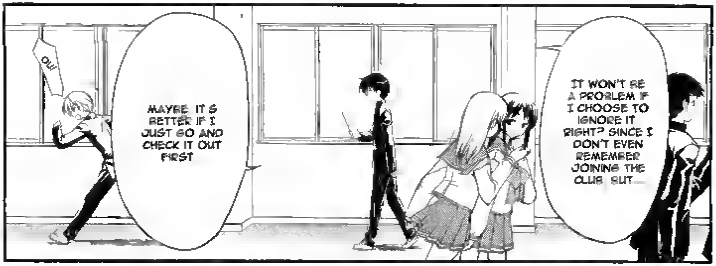


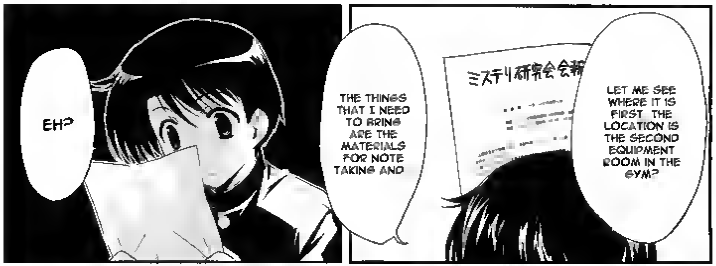
Akechi Kogorou: Famous Japanese detective...a character created by the famous novelist: Edogawa Rampo

IT'S DECIDED!
YES!
TAKAAKI AND TAKAKA-KUN THESE ARE AL-READY USED BESIDES THESE... UM...
NEVER MIND
FIRST, WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH DETECTIVE NOVELS

Heart9. Try your best

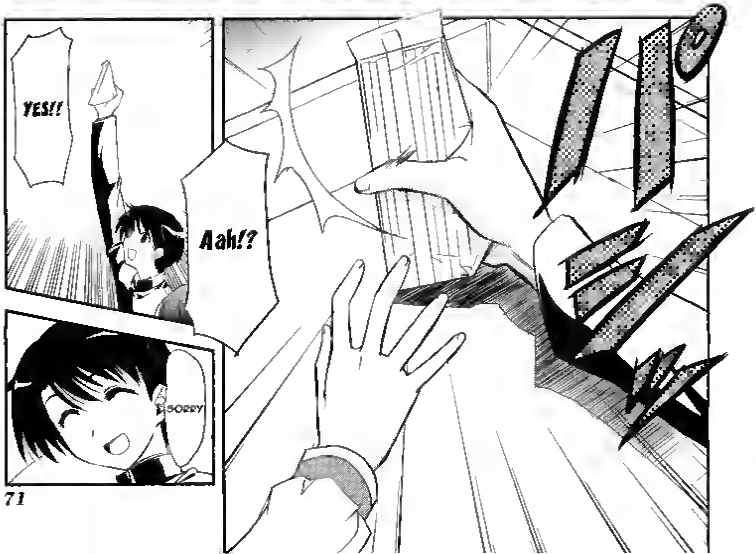
2-B
HUH? MYSTERY RESEARCH CLUB?
I HEARD THAT IT'S BECAUSE THERE'S A MEETING AT LUNCHTIME, SO PLEASE BRING ALL THE NECESSARY MATERIALS
SO KONO-KUN, YOU HAVE ACTUALLY READ DETECTIVE NOVELS BEFORE
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU HAVE SUCH INTERESTS
smile
I DON'T
That type of interest
EH?
BY THE WAY, I DON'T REMEMBER EVER JOINING A CLUB LIKE THIS
HEY~ TAKAAKI, TIME TO EAT!
.....
SORRY YUJI, YOU CAN GO AHEAD FIRST


OUT
MAYBE IT'S BETTER IF I JUST GO AND CHECK IT OUT FIRST
IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM IF I CHOOSE TO IGNORE IT RIGHT? SINCE I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER JOINING THE CLUB, BUT...


EH?
THE THINGS THAT I NEED TO BRING ARE THE MATERIALS FOR NOTE TAKING AND
LET ME SEE WHERE IT IS FIRST. THE LOCATION IS THE SECOND EQUIPMENT ROOM IN THE GYM?

I want this one!
BREAD SELLING PLACE
Don't push!
This too!
MIXED SANDWICH [EGG SANDWICH]
OKAY~
380 YEN

Found the Mixed sandwich!
and there's only one left too
DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS.
Uuhn~


YES!!
Aah!?
SORRY

DOING TO DO ABOUT THIS!!!
YOU'RE THE PERSON FROM THAT TIME!!
WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU
AH!!!
AH
?

What was that supposed to mean
What?
Uuh
DON'T THINK THAT YOU CAN WIN JUST LIKE THIS--!!

THE SECOND EQUIP-MENT ROOM IS
UM, HERE?
AND SOMEONE HATED ME FOR NO REASON
HAH
COME TO THINK OF IT, THERE'S NO NEED TO PREPARE ANY-THING, SINCE I'M JUST HERE TO SAY THAT I'M NOT INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CLUB
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Mystery Research Club
EXCUSE ME
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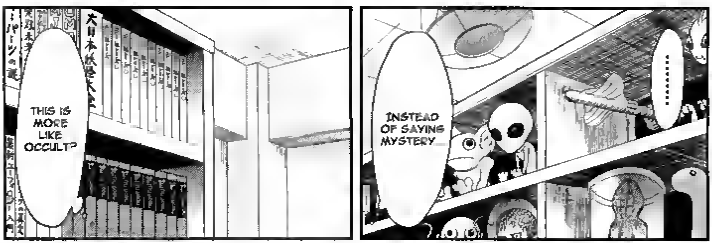


*Akashic Records is a term from "Theosophy" denoting a theoretical collection of mystical knowledge that is encoded in the aether. It is supposed to contain all the records of the past and future.

FIRST, IS MY SELF-INTRO-DUCTION
I'M THE FOUNDER AND FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE MYSTERY CLUB, SASAMORI KARIN.
MY INTERESTS ARE "ALL" THE MYSTERIOUS THINGS IN THE WORLD
THE THING I LIKE MOST IS...
CHICKEN SANDWICH!
ARGH
Wait...
That's my...

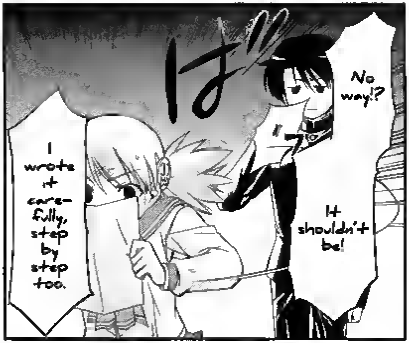
FINE FINE I'LL GIVE YOU MY HAM SANDWICH
It was originally mine.
THEN LET'S START THE FIRST MEETING OF THE MYSTERY CLUB.
LISTEN CAREFULLY WHILE YOU EAT
BUT
YOU FILLED OUT THIS REGISTRATION FORM YOURSELF, DIDN'T YOU?
Wait a minute!! Even though you've been talking all on your own all this time.
But I don't recall ever becoming a member of the mystery club!!

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE YOU KNOW SOME KIND OF IMPORTANT SECRETS,
LIKE...
HEHE HE
It's my writing.....
THE TASTE OF MYS-TERY!
HOW IS THIS POS-SIBLE?
ミステリ研究会

Making contact with the aliens!
"YOU KNOW TOO MUCH, GO BACK TO YOUR ORIGI-NAL LIFE"
AFTER THAT, A MAN IN BLACK SHONE A LIGHT ON YOU AND YOU LOST YOUR MEMORY
AND BY COINCIDENCE, THAT DAY WAS THE SAME DAY THAT YOU FILLED OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM
THESE ARE ALL COIN-CIDENCES

COULD IT BE THAT SHE...
OKAY!

I'M ALREADY ALL FIRED UP, TAKA-CHAN! AS EXPECTED, YOU'RE PER-FECT FOR THE MYSTERY CLUB!
THAT'S NOT POS-SIBLE
don't have any interest in it


No way!?
It shouldn't be!
I wrote it carefully, step by step too.

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SASAMORI-SAN, ISN'T THE WORD "TAKA" WRITTEN WRONG ON HERE?
THERE'S ONE EXTRA LINE

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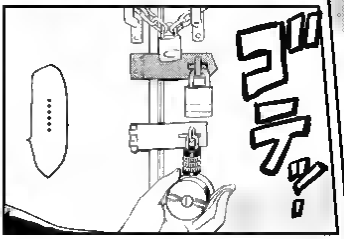
Im pissed

!?

I'm going!!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Hal-
Hal—
heh heh
Kana

THEN HURRY UP AND OPEN THE DOOR, SASAMORI-SAN
THE KEYS ARE HERE~
I'LL OPEN IT IF YOU JOIN THE MYSTERY CLUB
.....
!
THEN I WON'T OPEN IT-
I refuse!!
Kyaa
Uwahh
Damn it, That's enough

...Ow...
ow...
TAKA-
CHAN...
YOU'RE
SO BOLD...
Wha
!!?

WHAT IF...
TAKA-CHAN,
let
GYIIIN

YOUR LIFE WILL BE DESTROYED, RIGHT?
YELL OUT LIKE, "HELP ME~~!!"
RIGHT NOW, I

TAKA-CHAN
MYSTERY CLUB YOU WILL JOIN, RIGHT?
THUNP
THUNP
NICE~

YAY
GULL
why did I have to encounter this kind of...
キュ
I'm not happy at all! I'm not interested at all!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DENY IT ANYMORE I KNOW VERY--- WELL THAT YOU LOVE MYSTERY!
YOU'RE SAYING IT AGAIN-
YET YOU'RE ACTUALLY VERY HAPPY THAT YOU CAN JOIN THE MYSTERY CLUB
!!
OTHERWISE, THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO WANT TO DRAW THE NAZCA LINES ON THE FIELD GROUNDS, RIGHT?
THE ACTUAL OBJECT IS ABOUT 110M X 96M, RIGHT?
THAT'S ABOUT THE SCALE OF 1/4 RIGHT?
THE MYS-TERY IS SOLVED !!!

You're the one!!!
RU?
THIS PERSON WAS THE ONE WHO DREW THE DRAWING ON THE GROUND!
I APOLOGIZED TO THE TEACHER BECAUSE I WAS COVERING FOR HER!
RUIKO AND SASAMORI-SAN SHOULD GET ALONG PRETTY WELL, RIGHT?
SINCE SHE'S SOMEONE THAT CALLS HERSELF AN ALIEN
RUIKO, DIDN'T YOU SAY...
THAT YOU WILL "RETURN WHAT'S BORROWED"?
THEN, PLEASE RETURN IT RIGHT NOW...
NO MATTER HOW YOU SAY IT IT'S STILL SELF-CLAIMED
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
U-
ALIEN?
SHE'S NOT GREY AT ALL...

that does not have time right now!
I'm the one...
I DON'T HAVE TIME RIGHT NOW
REFUSE
ガーン
I'M NOT A LITTLE KID ANYMORE!
SINCE I DON'T BELIEVE IN THE KIND OF THINGS THAT ARE WAY TOO EXTRAORDINARY,
AND I DON'T HAVE A WEE BIT OF INTEREST IN IT'
ガガーン
DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY WITH LIU
I HAVE SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO DO TODAY, AFTER THIS
SORRY
?
Gya
take responsibility
But it's all because of you that I have to go through all this
Gya
return what's borrowed. I will definitely return it some time soon

*Bento: single portion takeout or home-packed meal common in Japanese cuisine

THAT IS THE MYSTERY CLUB!
SORRY, I DIDN'T HEAR YOU
Now don't be like this
THAT IS-
GEEZ Taka-kun
WANNA TRY PUTTING YOUR YOUTH ON MYSTERY!?
Don't need it
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ガク、
Hah
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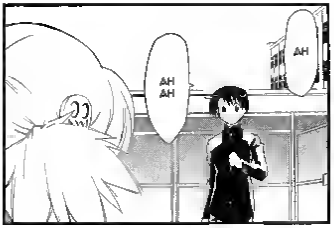
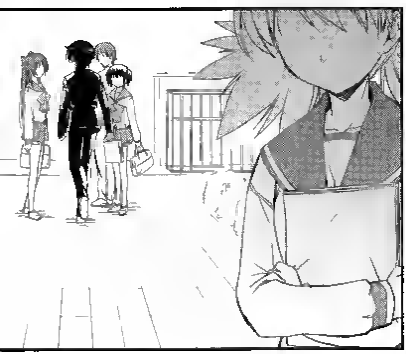
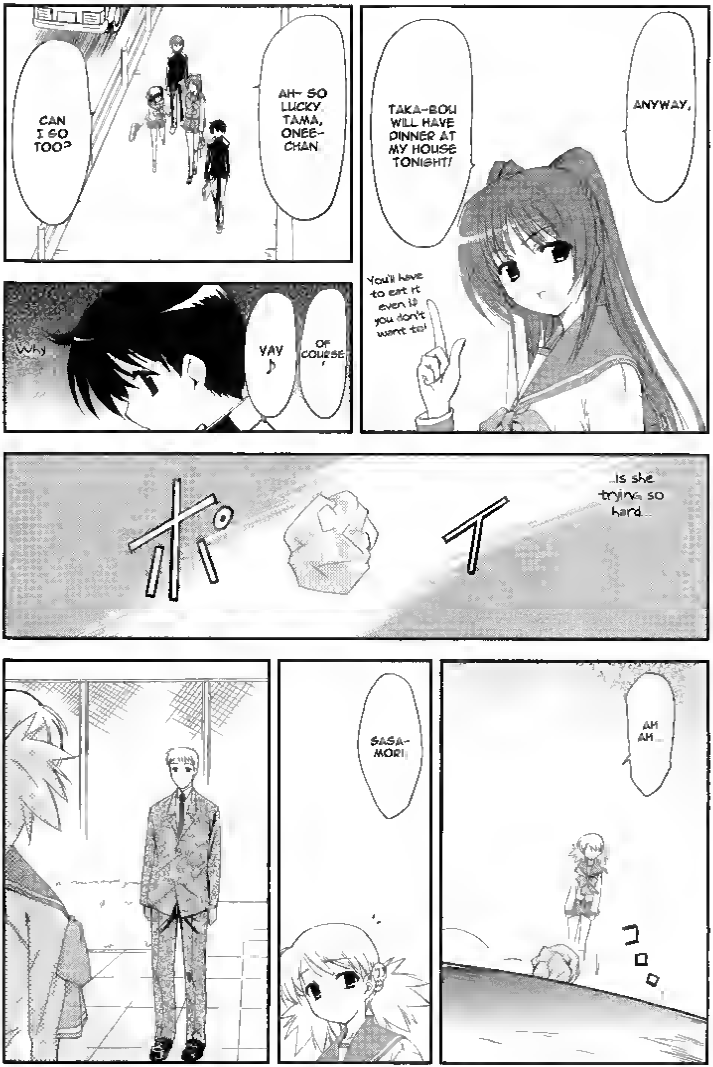
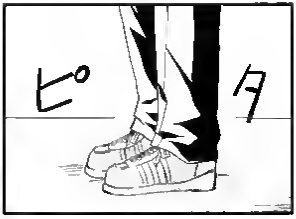

AH
AH
AH

TAKA-
KUN-,
HURRY
HURRY~




AH~ SO LUCKY, TAMA, ONEE-CHAN.
CAN I GO TOO?
ANYWAY,
TAKA-BOU WILL HAVE DINNER AT MY HOUSE TONIGHT!
You'll have to eat it even if you don't want to!
OF COURSE.
YAY ♪
Why
...Is she trying so hard...
SASA-MORI.
AH, AH...

TAKA-KUN, WHAT'S WRONG?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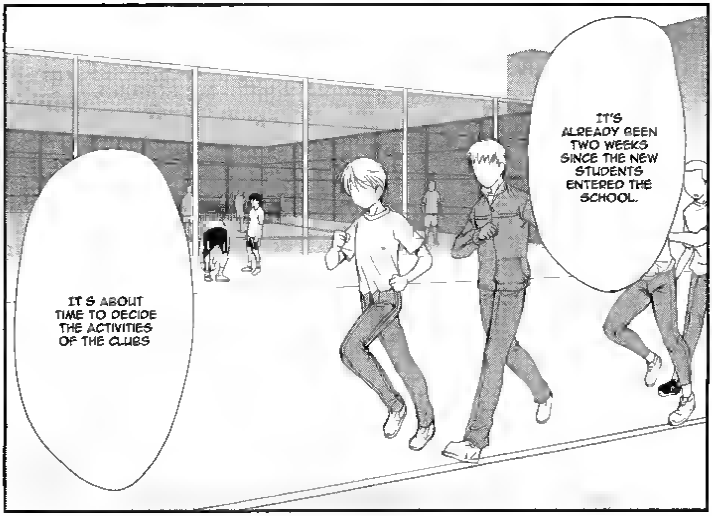
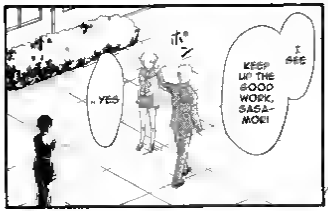

IT'S ALREADY BEEN TWO WEEKS SINCE THE NEW STUDENTS ENTERED THE SCHOOL.
IT'S ABOUT TIME TO DECIDE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CLUBS

BUT EVEN IF YOU SAY SO, THERE'S NO PARTICULAR REASON FOR US TO CONTINUE LETTING YOU USE THE SECOND EQUIPMENT ROOM FOR YOUR OWN ENJOYMENT
I will definitely find some members to join.
IF NO ONE WISHES TO JOIN THE CLUB, THEN WE SHOULD PROBABLY
!
Well
DID ONE OR TWO PEOPLE JOIN?
IF YOU WANT A CLUB TO BE APPROVED, THERE SHOULD AT LEAST BE THREE PEOPLE
!?
THEN WE'RE STILL MISSING ONE MORE PERSON, RIGHT? SASAMORI-SAN

OH OH
SO SOMEONE JOINED ALREADY?


I SEE
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, SASA-MOE!
.. YES

WHY
DON'T BE MISTAKEN!

Taka-chan!?
Hoh
Hoh

I'LL QUIT RIGHT AFTER THAT
UN, UN

I..
I'LL ONLY BE A MEMBER UNTIL YOU CAN FIND ACTUAL MEMBERS

THANK YOU.
TAKA-CHAN!
がば〃
Uwah
don't hug me

"TAKA-CHAN"?
Hah
ズゴゴゴ
rest in peace
WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU DOING TA-KA-ROU?

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